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Pentagon Memorial design competition particulars to be announced

Baltimore – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide information about the design competition for the Congressionally authorized outdoor memorial on the grounds of the Pentagon today at a Pentagon news conference. The memorial will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack at that building.

A Corps representative will present information about the planned two-stage design competition during the afternoon Pentagon press briefing. That the competition will be open to literally everyone will be emphasized.

"There are many ways to select a memorial design," project manager Carol Anderson-Austra said. "The high level of interest in the memorial from the beginning of the project indicated that a competition open to everyone was the way to find the best design."

People may enter individually or in teams. The competition has a deadline of Sept. 11, 2002. The design selection will take place in two stages. Initially, all entries will be judged, and at least five semi-finalists will be chosen. These entrants will be asked to further develop their concept designs and create models before a final design selection is made.

A jury that will include respected professionals and at least one representative of the victims' families will judge the competition.

Competition instructions will be available next week by calling toll free **1-866-782-4383**, or by visiting a special competition web site that is being set up at <http://memorialcompetition.pentagon.mil/>. The competition program will include submission requirements, site description and other directions and advice.

Congress authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish a memorial dedicated to the victims of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon in the Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Authorization Act. In October, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was asked to plan and build the memorial. The Corps has constructed and renovated many of the nation's memorials.

General information about the Pentagon Memorial project can be found at <http://pentagonmemorial.nab.usace.army.mil>.

